

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1794**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Naoshi MASUKAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1794

Application No.: 10/541,514

Examiner: B. O'Hern

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For: HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the March 13, 2009 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 3-9 are pending in this application. Claim 9 stands withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 3-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or §103(a) over JP 2002-085922 to Yoshida. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Yoshida discloses or renders obvious the subject matter recited in claims 1 and 3-8. In this regard, the Office Action relies on the asserted Applicants' "admission" in the Remarks section of the January 15, 2009 Amendment. These assertions are incorrect.